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Our Case No.: 659/704

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven J. Romme et al.

Serial No.: 09/660,049

Filing Date: September 12, 2000

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
REFILLING A DISPENSER**

Examiner: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3651

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

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Letter, dated April 4, 1998, and accompanying drawings.

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to
 the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence
 is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are
 believed to be due in connection with filing of this Fourth Supplemental Information
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Applicants further call to the attention of the examiner co-pending applications,
 Serial No's: 09/545,995; 09/659,283; 09/564,449; 09/564,213; 09/565,125; 09/564,837;
 09/564,939; 09/564,531; 09/564,268; 09/564,424; 09/564,780; 09/564,212; 09/565,623;
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

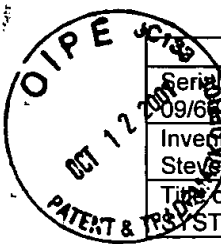
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Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO 1449; copies of cited references E1 - E27; and return post card.

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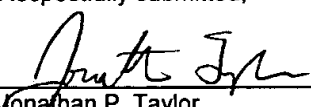
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